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**In the Specification:**

On page 5, after line 9, please insert the following:

**"Brief Description of the Drawings"**

Fig. 1 illustrates a simplified representation of a prior art e-commerce arrangement.

Fig. 2 illustrates a multi-vendor Internet commerce system.

Fig. 3 illustrates an exemplary implementation of a multi-vendor Internet commerce system.

Fig. 4 is a flow chart of the steps taken when a universal shopping cart command is received.

Fig. 5 is a flow chart of a check out process.

Fig. 6 is a flow chart of a sign-in/registration process.

Fig. 7 illustrates a representative HTML snippet encoded in an exemplary vendor page to facilitate a purchase.

Fig. 8 illustrates a representative merchant input form used to create the snippet.

Fig. 9 illustrates a representative transactional architecture.

Fig. 10 illustrates an exemplary product page.

Fig. 11 illustrates an exemplary web page for a vendor whose catalog of product offerings is hosted by the multi-vendor Internet commerce system network.

Fig. 12 illustrates an exemplary web page for a vendor who has no desire to develop a catalog.

Fig. 13 illustrates a universal shopping cart.

Fig. 14 illustrates an exemplary gift registry.

Fig. 15 illustrates an exemplary web page presented by the Multi-Vendor Central System.